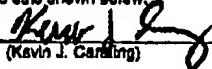


MAY 31 2006

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being transmitted by facsimile to the Patent and Trademark Office, facsimile no. (871) 273-8300 at MS AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Dated: May 31, 2006

Signature:



(Kevin J. Carling)

Docket No.: SMQ-122RCE/P6281
(PATENT)**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:
Daniel K. Hiltgen et al.

Application No.: 09/852070

Confirmation No.: 3533

Filed: May 9, 2001

Art Unit: 2192

For: **METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR
PROVIDING PATCH EXPRESSIONS USED
IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO INSTALL
A PATCH**

Examiner: M. J. Yigdall

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

MS AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-32, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.